

Interview Summary

Application No. 09/828,634	Applicant(s) Nakayama Et Al
Examiner Umakant K. Rajguru	Art Unit 1711

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Umakant K. Rajguru (Exmn)

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(2) Margaret A. Connor (Attny)

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Date of Interview Jan 22, 2003

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 16

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kay and Bultman relied upon in office actions

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

This interview followed one that Attorney Connor previously had with James Seidleck.

Examiner Rajguru clarified that earlier rejection of claim 16 under 112, had been withdrawn. Attorney Connor mentioned that she might replace "spp" in some of the claims with --species--. She pointed out that Kay discloses guayule resin which is not the claimed lignocellulosic plant material. She also referred to paragraph [0100] on page 24 of instant specification to show that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable from prior art.

A response from her describing the non-obvious character of instant invention would soon follow.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required